

Town of Odessa

**MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 - 7:00 PM
315 MAIN STREET
ODESSA, DE 19730**

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Connie Miller
Teddy Barnes (via zoom)
Patricia Crilley
Jim Grant
Meghan Mahoney
Secretary: Amy Marie Ottinger
Elissa Greenberg – Long & Greenberg LLC
Sam Cannan – Veterans Watchmaker Initiative Inc
0 community members

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY JIM GRANT, SECONDED BY PATRICIA CRILLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 20, 2023 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

4. Variance Request – BOA Application #2023-03
 - 501 Main Street, Parcel #24003.00079
 - Long & Greenberg LLC are requesting a variance for two commercial signs: one at the entrance of the parking lot and one on the existing pole structure already attached to the building.

Public questions and comments:

- Elissa Greenberg presented the board with drawings depicting the requested signage. One of the main factors for requesting the larger signage is to attract the attention of people traveling at a higher rate of speed due to the unique location of their business and how it is situated between the major highways.
- The board reviewed the dimensions of the requested signage.
- Parking area sign to be a 3' x 5' single sided sign encased between two 4' x 4' posts situated on Main Street at an angle facing the road.
- Overhead hanging sign to be (up to) a 5' x 6' double sided non-illuminated blade type sign and will be affixed to the current pole structure already affixed to the side of the building.
- All signage will be subject to approval by the historic commission for materials and overall design.
- There were no public comments regarding the request.

Board Discussion, deliberation and vote

MOTION BY JIM GRANT, SECONDED BY MEGHAN MAHONEY TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TWO COMMERCIAL SIGNS AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AND SUBJECT TO HISTORIC COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR MATERIALS AND OVERALL DESIGN.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

5. Variance Request – BOA Application #2023-04
- 301 N. 6th Street, Parcel #24003.00019
 - Veterans Watchmaker Initiative Inc is requesting relief from the 20' rear setback requirement for a new pole barn to be placed 6' off the rear property line to match the existing pole barn on the property.

Public questions and comments:

- Sam Cannan of Veterans Watchmaker Initiative Inc. presented the board with their request for rear setback relief for a new pole barn for the storage of watch parts that will be placed next to the existing pole barn on the property.
- The existing pole barn is located 6' off the side and rear of the property and his request is to place the second pole barn in alignment with the first so that aesthetically it is more pleasing. The placement will also allow him to place a driveway or access drive between the buildings.
- Zoning compliance has been obtained and a building permit has been issued for the pole barn so the request is for placement purposes only.
- There were no public comments regarding the request.

Board Discussion, deliberation and vote

MOTION BY JIM GRANT, SECONDED BY MEGHAN MAHONEY TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A SECOND POLE BARN TO BE PLACED 6' OFF THE REAR PROPERTY LINE AS REQUESTED AND DISCUSSED.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

7. Adjournment

MOTION BY JIM GRANT, SECONDED BY MEGHAN MAHONEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:37 PM.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS